



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, August 1, 2007
5:00 p.m.**

**City Hall
Room W-120
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

JAMES KIM

LESLEE HAMILTON

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

MARK SWINEFORD

MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR

G.M. HARDING

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

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1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Richardson, Hamilton, Kim, Matsushima and Smith

Late: Commissioner Harding arrived at 5:09 p.m., Commissioner Ruiz at 5:37 p.m.,

Absent: Commissioners Flaughner and Swineford

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ORDERS OF THE DAY

4 CEREMONIAL ITEMS

4.1 Introduction of New Commission Member Erik Karstan Smith

5 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker: Frank Hernandez, San José resident, spoke regarding the limited number of school swimming pools open to the east side constituents.

Speaker: Jean Marlow, San José resident, spoke in opposition to the Irvine PDC 06-038 project proposal being heard at the August 14, 2007 City Council meeting.

6 CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Commission was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. and immediately reconvened as the Citizen Oversight Committee.

7 CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1 Approval of Synopsis for June 6, 2007 Meeting

7.2 Approval of Synopsis for June 20, 2007 Meeting

7.3 Memorandum Regarding Council/Liaison Code of Conduct Policy

7.4 Set a Public Hearing to Solicit Input for Citywide Aquatics Program Fee Structure on September 5, 2007

7.5 Approval of Newhall Park Master Plan

7.6 Approval of Towers Lane Park Master Plan

7.7 Approval to Submit Kaboom Playful Cities Application

It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.

8 PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 Public Hearing to Name a New Park Associated with the Former Modern Ice Site
Erik Schoennauer, Land Use Consultant representing Taylor Woodrow Homes, presented this item. This park is located near the intersection of Old Berryessa Road and Oakland Road. Don Gagliardi, President of the 13th Street NAC, provided information on the history of the site and how that contributed to the selection of Luna Park as the name nomination.

It was moved by Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and voted unanimously that the new park be named Luna Park

8.2 Public Hearing to Solicit Testimony on Potential Public Smoking Ban in City of San José Parks

Prior to the public hearing being convened, Acting Assistant Director Julie Mark provided background information on the history of the proposal for a public smoking ban in City of San José parks. This issue first came before the Commission in 2005, and at the June 6, 2007 meeting of the Rules and Open Government Committee, the Committee requested that the Commission again receive testimony on the proposal. The most recent revision of the draft Ordinance by the City Attorney was passed out.

Testimony was received from eight constituents all supporting a public smoking ban in City parks. Each of the Commissioners provided their opinion on this issue with all Commissioners in support of a ban, except Commissioner Harding who supported a ban on smoking at public gatherings but was unable to endorse a no smoking ban in City parks. Discussion among the Commissioners included enforcement, the Commission's role as guardian of public health and morals, and funding issues. Director Albert Balagso recommended investigating funding availability through the Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund which has received money through tobacco settlement funds.

Julie Mark indicated the testimony would be presented to the Rules and Open Government Committee and she would provide a future report to the Commission on the direction the Committee takes.

9 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approval of Commissioner to Represent PRC on the County's Martial-Cottle Master Plan Process

Matt Cano, Division Manager, presented background information on the County and State owned 300 plus acre parcel of land located at Branham Lane and Snell Road. Because this park may be the largest park in the City, it is important that the City of San José have representation during the planning process. Commissioners Matsushima and Smith volunteered to represent the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously that Commissioners Matsushima and Smith represent the Commission on the County's Martial-Cottle Park Master Plan Process.

9.2 Review of Planning Applications

Matt Cano reported on planning applications submitted to the Planning Department for projects of 51 or more residential units for the period from June 14 through July 19, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Harding, and voted unanimously that the report be Accepted.

9.3 Approval of Helen Chapman Continuing as Commission Representative on the Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Task Force

Commissioner Hamilton raised the question of whether Helen Chapman could be a member at large of the Task Force and one of the Commissioners could also attend the meetings to represent the Commission. Discussion ensued around the protocol of Helen Chapman representing the Commission since she was no longer a member of the body and whether two seats were available. Matt Cano agreed to investigate and report back to the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Harding, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously that action be deferred on this item until further information is available.

- 9.4 Support City's Position Regarding Secondary Units
Item deferred to September 5, 2007

10 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Albert Balagso reported that twelve trees will be placed in planters in front of City Hall.

11 LIAISON REPORT

11.1 Council Liaison

Councilmember Nancy Pyle reported that Almaden Lake Park Phase II project has a revised scope of work which includes construction of an east side viewing area, west side play area, and north side trail connections to the Guadalupe River Trail Bridge.

She also reported that the sports field being developed as a joint effort with Leland High School is scheduled to be completed this fall.

11.2 Coyote Valley Task Force No report.

11.3 Evergreen Smart Growth Project Matt Cano indicated there were no changes to report.

11.4 Senior Citizens Commission Frances Jones reported the next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2007.

11.5 Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report Albert Balagso provided information on a Memorandum that will be sent to Council on 8/14/07 asking that action be deferred on the letter submitted by the Subcommittee and that consideration be given to more comprehensive strategies and funding recommendations that would incorporate or fold-in the needs of other City agencies' infrastructure backlogs and funding needs.

11.6 Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report No report.

11.7 Youth Commission

No report.

11.8 Community Sports Fields Study Committee

Commissioner Richardson reported the June 11, 2007 Sports Facility Feasibility Study Committee meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2007 in Council District 7 at the Solari Community Center. Coordination will transpire with Councilmember Nguyen's office to encourage constituent turnout.

11 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11.1 Commissioner News Items

Commissioner Hamilton reported that she has been assigned to the General Plan Task Force.

11.4 Future Agenda Items

12 CORRESPONDENCE

13 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2007.